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THE conviction has been deepening for a number of months past that the important enterprises which have been undertaken in behalf of the College demand fuller and freer presentation than is possible in private circulars or occasional newspaper articles. All the friends should have the opportunity to see the plans of Bomberger Memorial Hall, that they may also catch the inspiration which grows out of a knowledge of the splendid facilities which this building will bring to the institution. The methods that have been adopted to raise the funds, the enthusiasm already awakened in the different congregations, the work yet to be done,

all need to be discussed, that the whole body of friends and adherents may become imbued with the same spirit, and labor with a common zeal for the consummation of the grandest achievement in the history of the College.

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Again, the erection of Bomberger Memorial Hall means more than an increase of educational facilities and appliances. It is the external expression of the growth and progress of the ideas and principles, the aims and purposes which inspired the founding of the College. It gives stability and permanence to the organized effort to establish and propagate them in the church. URSINUS COLLEGE was established as a bulwark against error. It was set for the defence of the historical faith of the church, and the material progress it is now making insures its perpetuity.

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The historical and ecclesiastical sides of this development need to be set forth that the growth may be consistent, and all the friends incited to the fullest and most intelligent devotion to the work of the College and the cause it represents. It has therefore been decided to hold a college and educational convention in connection with the ceremonies incident to the breaking of ground for the erection of the new building. The occasion is designed to be a gathering for the fullest and freest conference, for earnest discussion, and a general stirring up of zeal in behalf of our beloved institution and the important work that lies before it. The

details of the programme arranged for the event are given further on in this issue. It is believed that it will be a notable occurrence, and that the friends of URSINUS will treat it as such; and the BULLETIN feels safe in promising all who attend the exercises a most pleasant and profitable time.

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The next issue of the BULLETIN may be looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. It will appear in the new spring attire of a handsomely designed title-page and better cover paper, and the leading feature of its contents will be a full and detailed description of Bomberger Memorial Hall, prepared by Architect Watson, as well as a carefully executed engraving of this handsome and commodious edifice. It was thought advisable to postpone the publication of such an extended description in these pages until it could be given in complete form and in connection with the picture of the building. By the first of May, however, this can be done, and the BULLETIN will strive to make the result of its efforts as attractive as possible.

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The earnest hopes that many friends of URSINUS have entertained for years that the Hunsicker property might some day be acquired by the College are now realized, and at an earlier date even than was anticipated by the most sanguine. The new accession of land will increase most materially the already splendid proportions of the college campus.

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This year's URSINUS team has inaugurated the base-ball season with great eclat, and so far it has established the

fact beyond a doubt that our Alma Mater's reputation in things athletic is to be maintained.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ZWINGLIAN ANNIVERSARY.

The evening of the 25th of March was an eventful one in the history of the Zwinglian Literary Society. It marked the passing of the twenty-first mile-stone in its progressive and successful career. Although the society has had many severe struggles against adverse circumstances, its advancement has been steady and certain. That the society is doing good work was testified to by all who were present at this, its twenty-first anniversary.

These annual festivities are always looked forward to with the greatest expectations, since the performers of each year strive to out-do their predecessors. Throughout the winter term the speakers were preparing for this occasion, the musical organizations were getting ready some of their best music for their part of the programme, and the committee of arrangements spared no efforts to have everything in the best order.

The weather on the evening of the anniversary being fair, the audience, as usual, was as large as could be accommodated in the chapel, and although the ventilation was poor, the speakers held the attention of those present to very last. That all were highly pleased with the exercises was plainly shown by the hearty applause accorded both speakers and musicians.

The programme rendered was in full as follows:

Music—"Dude's March."

Invocation—Rev. Prof. George Stibitz, '81.

Music—"Sky High Galop."

Salutatory—Robert B. Todd, '93, Uwchland, Penna.
Music—"Irredell."

Oration—"Maternal Influence."

Frank N. Bleiler, '94, Overton, Penna.

Music—"On to Panama."

Oration—"The Career of the Astronomer."

Howard M. Weist, '92, Freeburg, Penna.

Music—"Medley No. 2."

Oration—"The Essentials of the Power of Personality."

Horace A. Fethers, '92, Uwchland, Penna.

Music—"Haunting Eyes."

Eulogy—"John Henry Augustus Bomberger."

Frank B. Miller, '91, Philadelphia, Penna.

Music—"There was a Bee."

Zwinglian Oration—"The Beauty of Growth."

Calvin D. Yost, '91, McKeansburg, Penna.

Music—"The Raven."

Benediction—Vice-President H. W. Super.

The musical part of the programme was well rendered, and much praise is due Prof. Balliet and his associates in the Glee Club, and I. C. Williams, '91, the efficient director of the College Orchestra, as well, also, as to all connected with this organization.

The productions of the speakers were excellent, both in subject-matter and delivery. The speakers all conducted themselves with ease and grace on the stage; their articulation was clear and distinct, and what they had to say was given without the least hesitancy.

The committee of arrangements, to whom much of the success of the anniversary was due, consisted of F. H. Fisher, '91, chairman; H. E. Jones, '91; W. U. Helffrich, '93; W. G. Royer, '94; J. Hunter Watts, '94.

THE OLEVIAN OPEN-MEETING.

The annual open-meeting of the Olevian Literary Society on Thursday evening, March 12th, the complete programme of which was given in our last issue, was a most pleasant and enjoyable event. The weather was the only unpropitious accessory of the oc-

casion, for in every other feature the entertainment of the evening scored a most unqualified success. The audience was large and warmly appreciative, and the recitations by Miss Tyson, Miss Robison and Miss Rhoades, the essay by Miss Kratz, the oration by Miss Schwenk, and the musical numbers by Miss Hendricks, Miss Preston, Miss Vanderslice, Miss Schwenk, Miss Robison and Miss Gross were all full of merit that won for them a cordial reception.

The *Olevian Ruby*, read by Miss Royer, abounded in many neat witticisms and a general variety of good things. The Olevians have every reason to feel encouraged with the outcome of their efforts this year, and to resume their work of the current term with greater zeal and renewed vigor.

COLLEGE AND EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

APRIL TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-
SECOND.

This Convention, the general reasons and call for which are stated editorially on another page, will be held in connection with the formal Breaking of Ground for Bomberger Memorial Hall. The exercises will begin with a public meeting in Trinity Church, opposite the College, on Tuesday evening, at which there will be addresses, general discussion, and singing by the Glee Club. On Wednesday morning business meetings will be held at the College, followed by the ground-breaking ceremonies of the afternoon.

A feature of the occasion will be an exhibition of nine large pen drawings, three by four feet in size, giving front

and side views, floor-plans, and cross sections of the new building.

THE GROUND BREAKING.

The plans and specifications for Bomberger Memorial Hall are completed. Builders are now making estimates on the work. The Directors of the College will meet in special session on Wednesday, April 22d, to enter into contract for the erection of the building, and to formally inaugurate the work. Two addresses will be made on the occasion. Prof. Stibitz will set forth the advantages which the new building will bring to the College, and the Rev. Dr. Klopp will explain the significance of the day's event. "What mean ye by these stones?" will be answered by him.

Mr. Robert Patterson, whose generous donation of \$25,000 has made the Hall a possibility, will turn up the first shovel full of earth for the foundations. He has been breaking ground for many important enterprises in the history of the College, and his ardent attachment to our deceased President as well as his liberal donation to the building make it highly fitting that he should break the ground for this grandest improvement in the educational history of the Reformed Church. The friends of the College should regard it a great pleasure to honor Mr. Patterson with their presence at this ceremony, and thereby show their appreciation of his liberality.

The more detailed programme prepared for these two associated events is as follows:

TUESDAY EVENING, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Trinity Reformed Church.

Music—Ursinus College Orchestra.

Prayer.

Music—Ursinus College Glee Club.

Address—"The Mission of Ursinus College."

Acting President H. W. Super, D. D.

Address—"The Claims of the College Upon Its Constituency."

Rev. D. W. Ebbert, Milton, Pa.

Music—Glee Club.

Address—"Bomberger Memorial Hall."

Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., LL.D.

Address—"The Response of the Church to the Call of Ursinus."

Rev. J. H. Sechler, Philadelphia.

General Discussion.

Music.

Benediction.

WEDNESDAY.

9.30 A. M.—Meeting in the interests of the \$10,000 Alumni Fund, in the old Chapel; addresses by

Rev. J. W. Meminger, C. B. Alspach, and others.

9.30 A. M.—Business meeting of the Directors of the College, in the President's room.

11 A. M.—General meeting, in the Chapel. Report on the financial status of the work.

12 M.—Luncheon in College dining hall.

Two O'CLOCK P. M.

In the College Chapel.

Music—Orchestra.

Prayer.

Address—"The Advantages of the New Building."

Prof. George Stibitz, Ph. D.

Music—Glee Club.

Address—"The Significance of To-Day's Event."

Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D. Lebanon, Pa.

Music.

On the Campus.

Music—Glee Club.

Formal Breaking of Ground for Bomberger Memorial Hall, by Mr. Robert Patterson, Philadelphia.

Music.

All visitors from a distance will be entertained in the homes of the community, and it is hoped there will be many who will find their way to Collegeville on April 21st and 22d.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

OPENING OF THE SPRING TERM.

The Spring Term of the College opened under most favorable conditions on Monday, April 6th. The number of students newly enrolled was very large, and the proportion of those

of last term who have returned to the College is also exceedingly gratifying. The opening address of the term was delivered on Tuesday morning by Professor Reichenbach, his theme being "The Religious Element in Education." The speaker's remarks were replete with entertainment and instruction, and the BULLETIN hopes to publish them either in full or in abstract form in its May number.

When the new students of the term shall all have been enrolled, the record for the academic year 1890-91, will be complete. Enough is already known of it to assure the friends of URSINUS that it is an excellent showing, that has probably reached or even passed the best annual summary previously attained. The catalogue for the year (which by the way will be the second *decennial* issue), now in course of preparation, will give in detailed form the results reached.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

The following is the librarian's report for the Winter term. Total number of books taken from the library, 576. Of these 239 were fiction, 30 biography, 166 history, 9 travel and adventure, 17 theological works, 22 poetry, 17 magazines etc., 21 science, 34 essays etc., and 21 miscellaneous works. The professors and resident alumni drew 59, the theological students 12, the seniors 74, the juniors 70, the sophomores 72, the freshmen 111, and the academic students 178.

SENIOR ORATIONS.

The third series of senior orations by the class of '91, was delivered during the winter term. The following is a

list of the speakers and the topics on which they spoke: G. W. Filbert, "Home Influence;" F. H. Fisher, "Vigilance is the Price of Liberty;" J. G. Francis, "The Development of the American Character;" W. R. Smith, "American Labor;" W. H. Knipe, "The Utility of the Study of Botany;" Lillie Preston, "The Permanence of Words;" P. E. Heimer, "England's Position among Nations;" I. F. Wagner, "True Religion a National Bulwark;" May Kratz, "Is Labor a Blessing or a Curse?" Hallie Vanderslice, "A Happy Life and Wherein it Consists;" H. E. Jones, "Wisdom is Better than Silver or Gold;" I. C. Williams, "The Government and Character of Alfred the Great."

THE GLEE AND OCARINA CLUBS AND ORCHESTRA.

At noon on Friday, March 13th, the Ursinus College Glee and Ocarina Clubs and Orchestra left Collegeville in a special car provided by the Phila. & Reading Railroad Company, to fill engagements at Myerstown and Stouchsburg. At both these places the boys were received with flattering hospitality and were made glad by large and highly appreciative audiences.

A warm invitation extended to the Glee to sing at Norristown, on March 23d, at a Union Sociable of the Christian Endeavor Societies of that town and Bridgeport, held in the First Presbyterian Church, was declined by the Club with much regret because of the fact that the date conflicted with the duties of examination week.

Their labors for the Winter term in the musical line closed with the engagement at the Zwinglian Anniversary, at which as elsewhere reported they once

again acquitted themselves with honor. Their list of appointments for the current session is quite large. The College rejoices in the repeated successes her sons are achieving in this good work in which they are so enthusiastically engaged.

URSINUS WINS AT BASE-BALL.

On Monday, April 6th, the re-organized base-ball team of the College, played its first game of the season with the Hill School at Pottstown, and achieved a well-earned victory. A press report of the event says: "Ursinus batted well and hard, whilst the Hill team excelled in fielding and base-running." The Pottstown boys started the game well, and secured a good lead, but the home team, by steady up-hill work, came out ahead at the finish. The want of regular practice in the College Club made itself very apparent through the course of the game; but this defect will disappear as the season progresses. The full record of the contest is here given.

URSINUS.						HILL SCHOOL.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
T. Kalbach, 1b.	2	3	13	1	1	Beecher, p.	2	1	0	4	0
Jenkins, 2b.	0	2	2	1	1	Cole, c.	0	0	9	4	0
Knipe, lf.	1	2	0	0	0	Wadsworth, 2b.	2	0	2	1	1
Todd, cf.	1	2	0	0	1	Safford, lf.	2	1	1	0	0
Bomberger, ss.	1	1	2	4	2	Jerems, ss.	2	0	0	2	1
Davis, c.	2	3	6	9	0	Jackson, 3b.	1	0	3	0	3
Miller, p.	1	1	0	7	1	Tompkins, lf.	0	0	0	0	0
Slifer, rf.	0	1	1	0	0	Hadden, cf.	0	1	1	0	0
A. Kalbach, 3b.	2	3	3	1	2	Rehm, 1b.	0	1	1	0	2
Totals.	10	18	27	23	8	Totals.	9	4	27	11	7

INNINGS.

Ursinus.	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	2—10
Hill School.	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	3—9

Earned runs—Ursinus 6, Hill School 1. Two-base hits—A. Kalbach, T. Kalbach, Knipe, Davis. Three-base hits—Davis 2, T. Kalbach. Home runs—Miller, Safford. Bases stolen—Jenkins, Knipe, Miller, Beecher 2, Wadsworth. Bases on balls—Ursinus 1, Hill School 1. Struck out—by Miller 12, by Beecher 5. Left on bases—Ursinus 10, Hill School 6. Hit by pitched ball—Safford. Double plays—Bomberger, Jenkins, and T. Kalbach. Passed balls—Davis 1, Cole 1. Umpire, Mr. Fox.

URSINUS MAKES A PURCHASE.

As announced in the advertising pages of our last number, the Board of

Directors of the College has purchased the handsome property adjoining the Campus on the northwest, and owned by Mahlon Fulton, Esq., of Philadelphia, and occupied for many years by Mr. Henry A. Hunsicker. The property consists of a large and commodious mansion-house, handsomely finished within and without, and on a line with the College buildings, and about twenty acres of land.

The property is purchased at the sum of \$9000, Mr. Fulton generously volunteering a subscription of \$500 (to be deducted from the purchase money,) toward the building fund of Bomberger Memorial Hall. This action of the Directors meets with hearty approval of the friends of the College. The property acquired is splendidly located, contains most desirable improvements, and will form a most material factor in the advancing interests of the institution.

With the beginning of the term the house was opened as a Ladies' Boarding Hall under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Williard. The spacious mansion will form a delightful home for young ladies from a distance who attend the College, and parents need no longer hesitate to send their daughters to URSINUS because of a lack of care and accommodations for them. The charges for board and room rent will be the same as at the College.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The name of Rev. J. H. Elmendorf, D. D., who will deliver the sermon at the graduating exercises of this year's senior theological class, was incorrectly given in the last two numbers of the BULLETIN as Elmsdorf.

Professor Balliet has taken up his

residence in the Hunsicker mansion. Quite a number of the students have secured rooms at Glenwood Hall.

During the week beginning April 13th the URSINUS ball team crosses bats with Lehigh University and Muhlenberg College.

The Ebrard anniversary has been announced for the same week.

The current term will witness the inauguration of many great changes at URSINUS.

COLLEGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

MISERERE.

Live while you may,
Life's fleeting day
Knows not a bright dawning morrow;
Sabled in night,
On comes the blight,
Riding fierce tempests of sorrow.

Future unknown,
Past dead and gone,
Now is the flood-tide of glory:
Soon the day fades,
And fall the shades
Of deep oblivion hoary.

Beauteous untold,
The tints of gold,
Evening serenely adorning:
But the heart sighs,
For the bright skies,
And the lost dews of the morning.

Live while you may,
Life's fleeting day
Knows not a bright dawning morrow;
Sabled in night,
On comes the blight,
Riding fierce tempests of sorrow.

JOHN HENRY AUGUSTUS BOMBERGER.

(A Eulogy delivered at the Twenty-first Anniversary of the Zwinglian Literary Society by Frank B. Miller, '91.)

It frequently occurs in our intercourse with men that we do not fully appreciate their real value until the finger of death has removed them from

among us. This, I feel, to be especially true with regard to our departed friend, respected teacher, and honored President, John Henry Augustus Bomberger.

He bade me good-bye within these classic halls feeling in good health and cheer and started for his home. In six weeks I was shocked by news of his death. Thus, "in the midst of life we are in death," and none of us upon our brief pilgrimage here on earth can lift the veil which shuts out the "unknown realm," where the king and the serf meet upon an equal basis, whence the Reaper comes with his scythe to cut down his weeds and his flowers.

It is not my purpose to pronounce any extended eulogy, but to say a few words expressive of my love and regret for the man whose tried worth, whose genial character, whose warm heart, and generous friendship endeared him to all who knew him while living, and force us to pay tribute to his memory when dead.

Dr. Bomberger was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the thirteenth day of January, 1817. His mother was the daughter of a Reformed clergyman, and his ancestors on both sides were of German origin. When a boy of ten years, he entered Lancaster Academy where he remained three years, and was then sent to the High School in York, Pennsylvania, where his mind was turned to his great life work, The Gospel Ministry. Desirous of becoming more proficient in his chosen profession, surrounded with all the advantages of a liberal education, he entered the sophomore class in Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1837.

After taking a sufficient course in the

theological department connected with the College, he was licensed to preach by the Synod of Lancaster in 1838. With an honest soul, a clear head, and hands always ready to turn themselves to any work that might come for them to do, he accepted his first charge as pastor at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, on the Juniata River, at the age of twenty-one, remaining here twenty months, sustaining himself on a small salary and the meagre income which he received from teaching a few pupils in an academy of the village.

At the age of twenty-three he accepted a call from the Waynesboro charge, in Franklin county, consisting of four congregations. He remained here five years and left many warm and kind friends to mourn his loss when he accepted a call from an Easton congregation, the worthy successor of Dr. B. C. Wolff.

A call was then extended him from Philadelphia. At first declining the invitation, he was at last compelled to take hold of the work there. As a consequence, he left unbroken foot-marks upon the perilous journey which leads to eternal blessedness, and his noble life served as a guide to the wished-for goal for many souls.

Stirred with resistless longings to educate young men, and incited further in this direction by the reminiscences of his own college life, he actively engaged in awakening an interest in a few adherents of the German Reformed faith, who, with him, successfully founded this College, which we all so truly and earnestly love. Having been made its first president, he vigorously performed the duties devolved upon him, studying with all the power of his mind, and working until the body was often

worn and exhausted, ever striving to further her interests, ever trying to brighten her future.

His devotion to the College and the faith of his ancestors was stripped of every sectarian feeling of intolerance. It was genuinely universal, and it had the effect of softening and mellowing his whole nature, and enriching his manner and address with a quietness of repose which were as beautiful and enduring as they were attractive. It is unnecessary for me to enumerate his many acts of kindness; his life-work in itself constitutes his highest eulogy. He filled out his days in honor and good works. His loss to this College is irreparable.

His intellectual resources were almost without limit. His knowledge of economic, financial, and scientific questions, was very comprehensive. He was not only a reader of books and current literature, but a keen and intelligent observer of forces, causes, and events. Scarcely a subject could be discussed with which he was not familiar, and which was not illuminated by the light of his bright and glowing mind.

As an orator he was powerful and persuasive. His voice was full and musical, his sentences clear and rhetorical, his information and illustration striking and forcible. Whether on this floor or in the pulpit, where large assemblies time and again delighted to greet him, he carried his audience by the irresistible force of his logic and the fervor of his eloquence.

Although at variance with his friends and with men of the same religious faith upon important issues, so entirely conscientious and honest was he in his convictions that more than ordinary

consideration was meted out to him. And yet so uncompromising was he in assertion of these convictions that I think it may be said of him that he thereby made the only enemies he ever had; for in his fearless advocacy of sterling principles he was oftentimes regardless whether his methods were gentle or rude, what antagonisms he created along the way, what foes he made, what friends he won or lost; anxious and intent alone upon the success of the things for which he contended, the work he desired to accomplish, striving even under disadvantages and great discouragements.

It may be asked then what was the power in and with this man so nurtured, yet dowered with some of the imperfections common to humanity; what was the secret of his success in life? For he was a successful man, if honor, power, and troops of friends can make a man successful. It was this—let it now be the open secret of his whole life and career; let it be known and accepted by all, especially by the young and rising generation of men who would feign press on in his footsteps to find a like success, or further yet than fate and time allowed the departed to rise. Know all men, then, it was his willingness and courage to always avow the truth, and follow his own convictions on any subject or duty. In the better rendition of this truth he came to understand, believe, and declare:

To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

Did we ever realize that years were passing on in the life of our friend? Did we look upon him as one who was showing the advance of age, and de-

creasing in physical strength and mental vigor? There is something touching in the memory of his life. He made this little spot enchanted ground, upon which we were treading day by day; and his graceful form, his light step, which we so often noticed as he crossed this floor, his bright and unclouded mind, ever kept out of our thoughts the idea that he had passed beyond three score years and ten.

Like many other bright men he has been cut down in the glory of a life still full of promise, which would have brought additional lustre to an already honored name and given a broader scope to a successful career. His departure from earthly scenes teaches us the frail tenure of existence here; it was an impressive admonition of the brevity and uncertainty of life. Little did he or I realize at our last interchange of thought that he stood on the very threshold of eternity; that death, the conqueror of all mankind, was already beckoning him to his cold embrace; that his soul should so soon go forth on the mystic journey to the hereafter. The useful life is over. With him the world's sun has gone down in the shadow of death, but to emerge in the full light of God's eternal day. Honored shade of our late companion—hail and farewell!

GENERAL TOPICS.

URSINUS AS A STUDENT.

Student life is a critical time. On his student days the future life of a young man often depends. The habits of young manhood become the foundations of future greatness or weakness, so that a college life is often prophetic of its future career. Such a critical

period in the life of Ursinus will prove instructive as well as interesting. For his student life was the beginning and basis of his future fame.

Ursinus, though born at Breslau, in Silesia, one of the eastern provinces of Germany, went to Wittenberg, in Saxony, in the year 1550, to study at the famous university there. There had been for many years a close bond between Breslau and Wittenberg; and many, before Ursinus, had left Breslau to gain their education there. When he came to Wittenberg he was only a little over sixteen years old. Now, it is pleasant for a new student to find some acquaintance or friend to initiate him to college life and aid him on his arrival. Fortunately there was such a one at Wittenberg; for the assistant pastor of the Castle church, Aurifaber, was from Breslau, and he took the young man under his care. When Ursinus arrived, Luther had died four years before, so that now Melancthon was the ruling spirit there. Aurifaber hastens to introduce Ursinus to Melancthon, as he expected that he would have to receive private instruction before he would be able to enter the university. But although young, Ursinus had been so well prepared at the school of the St. Elizabeth's Church, at Breslau, that he was at once matriculated. Ursinus remained at Wittenberg until 1557, a period of seven years, when he left there to travel through Germany and Switzerland, and then to return to his native city of Breslau to teach in the school where he had been prepared for the university.

Looking over Ursinus' student days, there are three peculiarities which might well be emulated by the students of these days, and especially by the stu-

dents of the college that bears his name. The first is economy. Ursinus, like many students in these days, was poor. In order to get an education he had to be aided by liberal friends. He was, therefore, a beneficiary, and was supported partly by the council of Breslau and partly by wealthy friends, among whom was Crato of Crafftheim, the great physician of Breslau, afterward body physician to the Emperor, who became his special patron. And as it was quite customary for students to support themselves by acting as private tutors, Ursinus tried to add to his means in that way. A wealthy merchant at Breslau, named Schlater, wanted to send his son to Wittenberg, and finally engaged Ursinus to act as his private tutor. Ursinus not only taught him the preparatory studies but also acted as a private guardian over him. They lived together and boarded at the house of one of the professors, Winshemius. Ursinus was very grateful, as all beneficiaries should be, for such financial aid. It seemed as though he could not do enough to return the kindness of his friends. As he knew Crato was always anxious for books, he very closely watched the book markets. For books in those days were scarce compared with our times; and Wittenberg and Frankfort were the great book-markets. He was always watching for new publications and the booksellers of Wittenberg soon knew very well this young student, as he was a good purchaser for his patrons. His thankfulness is shown by the fact that on one occasion, in writing to his patron Crato, he does not forget to thank him for the dollar he has sent him. And when money was given to him thus, he felt that he was responsible for its use and

must turn it to the best account. As an illustration of this, he wanted for a long time to own a copy of Cicero's works. These were rare and expensive in those days, and for a long time his desire was not gratified. The father of his pupil, Schlater, finally told him to buy a copy at his expense. But then came a question in his mind. There was an expensive edition which he had been longing for. But he did not know whether it was right to involve his patron in so much expense. He goes to the trouble to send a letter all the way to Breslau to his friend Crato, asking him for advice in the matter. Finally, however, Schlater cut the matter short by writing to him to buy the edition he wanted. Ursinus thus laid the foundations for habits of economy all his life.

Another peculiarity of Ursinus' student-life was his integrity, his uprightness. College life has its temptations, and many a student has come out of college with smirched character, to spend years in living down the sins and indiscretions of young manhood. Happy the student who can keep himself pure. And what is true of America is more sadly true of Germany. The free habits of the students there soon run into license and the drinking habits expose them to many dangers. The German students are accustomed to gather in beer halls, says Dr. Schaff, where they sit around oblong tables in the best of humor, drinking, smoking, singing college songs, discussing the professors or their sweethearts. These convivial habits come to a climax in the fighting customs of some of the German universities. It is not unusual to see students walking the streets with their faces all cut with sword strokes

because of a college duel. Such shameful practices are unworthy of Christian universities; and it is to be feared some German students study their beer-glass more than their books. Now Ursinus was exposed to such temptations. Drinking and fighting were common among the students. Yes, as Gillet says, murder sometimes took place at Wittenberg among them. But Ursinus, though surrounded by these, remained upright. Though in the world, he was not of it. Yet while he kept himself pure he had to suffer his share of troubles from these things. For his pupil, young Schlater, as he grew older developed a love for these rougher sports, and as Ursinus was his private tutor he had to go with him wherever he went. Ursinus had a good deal of trouble, for the boy would go out without asking or without his company. Ursinus had always been careful to choose boarding places where the rough scenes of college were not spoken of. But, still, the young man began to drink; and finally, Ursinus, who wanted to be faithful to him, found the boy would not obey him any longer—no, not even obey Melancthon—and so asked to be relieved of the care of him, and he was sent back to Breslau.

Ursinus had another sad experience with the sins of university life; one, however, that also reveals his kindness as a student. A brother-in-law of Crato, named Scharf, had entered the university in 1551. When the plague broke out soon after, and the university was temporarily removed to Torgu, this young man was not heard of for a year. Crato finally besought Ursinus to try and find his whereabouts. Ursinus finally discovered him at Wittenberg. He had gone as a soldier in the

Saxon army, and had come back sick and in need. Ursinus called in a physician and had the young man well cared for. And by and by Ursinus sent him to his friends in Breslau; but the young man had fallen into bad habits, and it was six months before he appeared there in his home.

The result of all this was that Ursinus complained very bitterly against the temptations that surrounded him. He wrote to Crato: "I love them as men; but if I must live among beasts, I would rather be a hermit." Yet in spite of all these temptations he remained unspotted from the world. What an example to students to-day! If his temptations were so much greater than here, how much more should our young men remain true and upright! It is a pleasant thought that the college named after him is so located that the students are exposed to almost none of the temptations of college life, while the fact that so many of them are students for the ministry gives a high moral tone to the institution.

A last peculiarity of his student life was his industry. He was exceedingly studious. He was just as economical of his time as he was of his money, for it is a sign of the true student that he learns that time is more valuable even than money. And as Ursinus was careful never to allow the strength of his body to be wasted by dissipation, so he was careful to husband the strength of his mind by study. His industry soon made him one of the favorite scholars of Melancthon. This brought him into intimate terms with his teacher. Like all good students, he was obedient to his professors; for he never seems to have done anything of importance without asking Melancthon.

Melancthon hoped to arrange it that he could board at his house, so that they might become table companions. But this seems never to have been fulfilled. Thus Ursinus at college formed the habits of industry which afterward made him famous as a scholar. For many years after, when he was professor at Neustadt, just before his death, he had written over the door of his room the motto, "Friend, make the matter short, or leave soon, or help me at my work."

Ursinus' habits are worthy of being imitated by the students of Ursinus College. Industry, integrity and economy are the three watch-words of college life, the foundation of future greatness. Through them the poor beneficiary became the great theologian and teacher. His habits of life there became the key to his after success. And his student life at Wittenberg prepared him to be the great professor at Heidelberg and Neustadt.

J. I. G.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

PERSONALS.

[Alumni and others can render a service by sending items of interest for this column. All such items, to receive prompt attention, must be addressed to URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN, Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.]

'73. Rev. F. F. Bohner's congregation at Waynesboro, Penna., received Easter accessions of twenty or more new members, and contributed \$80 to missions.

'78. S. L. Hertzog has changed his address from Somerville to Seven Mile, Butler County, Ohio.

'88. Raymond F. Longacre, M. D., graduated with honorable mention from the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, Thursday, April 16th, the ex-

ercises of the commencement being held in the Chestnut Street Opera House. URSINUS sustained her reputation in the class with highest dignity, Mr. Longacre securing the honorable mention in several branches, and Mr. Foster Frutchey, a former collegiate student of the institution from Northampton county, who will be well remembered by many alumni, carrying off first prize—a handsome gold medal awarded by the Faculty, besides another gold medal and several additional marks of distinction.

'89. Rev. E. Calvin Rust has resigned the pastorate of the Somerset charge in the Lancaster Classis, Ohio. The *Somerset Press* in commenting on his departure from the field, speaks with much regret at seeing him go, and states that in the short time he was in the community, he won the entire confidence and respect of everybody, and that he took with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

'90. Mr. Ralph Royer, who is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is taking a prominent and successful part in the musical enterprises of that institution, and has won for himself the highest praise and most favorable criticism in this line.

'90. Rev. Joseph W. Bell, of Newburg, Cumberland county, is the latest addition to the list of subscribers to the \$10,000 Alumni Fund. The report of the progress of the Fund since the last issue is unavoidably crowded out of the columns of this number.

There is a Christian University in Japan with one hundred and sixty students. The faculty numbers thirty-one, one-half of whom are Japanese.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

Professor Benjamin Smith, Vice President of Swarthmore College, is at present officiating as the head of that institution.

A free reading-room under the direction of college and seminary students has been formed in the town of Princeton.

Ex-President McCosh, of Princeton, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Brown University has organized a canoe club.

President E. D. Warfield, of Miami University, Ohio, has accepted the presidency of Lafayette College.

The twentieth annual re-union of the Somerville Literary Society of Swarthmore College, an organization supported by the young lady students and alumnae, was held on April 11th.

Considerable honor work is being done by the students this year at Bucknell. Any student who has attained an aggregate average of nine in all the studies of a term may take special honor work the succeeding session. This work is credited to the student in the annual catalogue, and is taken into account in awarding the honors.

The semi-annual meeting of the Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association, was held on April 11th, at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia. A number of interesting papers were read by representatives from different colleges, and although the attendance was not large, the meeting was generally voted a very interesting one. During the business portion of the

sessions quite a lively discussion was had over the admission to membership in the Association of the Franklin and Marshall *Weekly*, a new aspirant for honors in the world of college journalism. The representative of the *Student* strongly opposed the admission of its rival, and after a long debate on the subject, final action was for the time being postponed.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

St. Matthew's German Reformed Church, Philadelphia, was organized March 5th by Rev. A. O. Silvius. The new mission is located in the northern part of the city. It is starting with good prospects, and the membership has already taken hold of plans for the erection of a chapel.

The new house of worship of the Salem congregation at Lavansville, Somerset county, Pa., was dedicated the second Sunday of February. The building is a neat frame structure in the Gothic style, with seating room for about three hundred persons. Rev. Hiram King is pastor.

St. Paul's Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., was dedicated February 15th. Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, of Lancaster, preached the sermon.

Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., and family recently took possession of the new parsonage erected for them by the First Church of Lebanon, Pa. It is a fine, commodious building.

The dedication of the new chapel of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa., Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, pastor, took place on Sunday, March 1st. The completion of this building is the first step (covering perhaps two-thirds the distance) toward the church to be erected in a few years on the remaining part of the lot which the chapel occupies. The edifice now finished is about sixty feet square. On the first story are the main room, infant room and library. Around two sides of the building are seven gallery class rooms, with balcony in front, from which these rooms are entered. By opening double folding-doors the class rooms are in full view of the pulpit. The interior is finished in natural hard wood, while the exterior walls are built of marble. The windows are filled with handsome stained glass. The building is well heated, venti-

lated and lighted, and taken altogether it forms a most handsome, comfortable and convenient edifice. The audience-room, when built, will have a semi circular interior, conforming to the amphitheatre arrangement of pews, and will accommodate about 800 people.

Faith Mission, of the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., laid its corner-stone on the second Sunday of February, the ceremonies being held in the presence of fully 1500 people.

On March 15th the new house of worship of the Mission at Steelton, Penna., Rev. M. H. Sangree, pastor, was consecrated to the service of God. The building cost about \$10,000, only \$2300 of which remains unpaid.

MINISTERIAL.

Alspach, J. W., address changed from Everett, Pa., to Altamont, Ills.

De Long, J. F., elected pastor of Trinity Church, Freemansburg, Northampton, Co., Pa.

Lienkemper, C., installed pastor of Edgerton charge, Ohio.

Metger, George E., address changed to Mohican, Ashland Co., Ohio.

Richards, J., address Lakeside, Ohio, instead of Burlington, N. C.

Resser, George B., Lebanon, called to Hanover, Penna.

Rothenberger, J., accepts call to Plymouth, Indiana.

Rusterholz, H., installed at Monticello, Wisconsin.

Rust, E. C., resigns pastorate at Somerset, Ohio.

Santee, J. W., D. D., pastor of the Cavetown charge, Maryland, announces his intention to withdraw from active work on account of age as soon as his successor has been secured.

Schneider, C. B., accepts call to Shamokin, Pa.

Seemann, S. W., address is 762 E. Main street, Columbus, Ohio.

Stoner, H. Y., installed pastor of Olivet Church, Reading, Pa.

Stem, G. O., elected pastor at Littlestown, Penna., in the charge recently vacated by Rev. D. N. Ditmar.

Wetzel, Frank, installed pastor of the Dakota charge, Illinois.

Zartman, R. C., Akron, Ohio, elected pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia.



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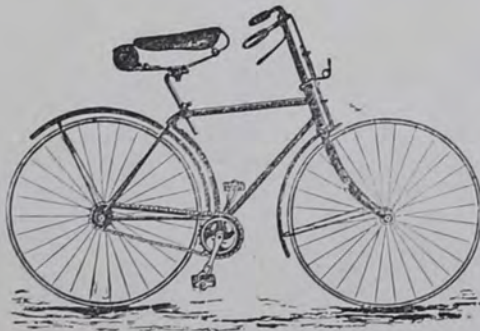
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